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Dr. Wood Starts Second Term as Scout Chairman

Two hundred and seventy-two Scout leaders and their wives met at the Torrance Civic Auditorium last week for the 32nd Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers for the Harbor district of the Los Angeles Area Boy Scout Council.

Dr. Howard A. Wood of Torrance was installed as district chairman for a second term. Vice-chairmen installed were James L. Rush and Alex Bero of Gardena, and Dr. Gerald M. Eastham of Torrance. Woodrow G. Bird of Redondo Beach was installed as district commissioner. Alfred Hopkins, past president of the Los Angeles Area Council, was the installing officer and John Ackermann, deputy council executive, was the master of ceremonies.

The evening was climaxed by the presentation of the Order of Merit, the highest district award, given for "Outstanding Service to Boyhood" to Lorne J. Beaman of San Pedro; James L. Rush, Thomas J. Newlin and Rolfe C. Holliday of Gardena.

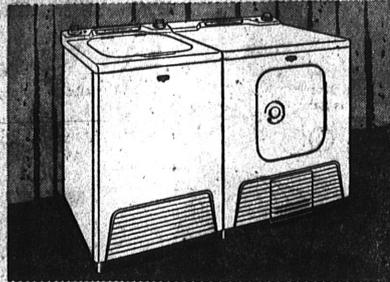
The award of the Silver Beaver, the highest council award, was made to William Cote of Wilmington.

William Stokes, retiring district commissioner of the Harbor district, reported that the membership of the district was now 2540 Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in 112 organized units.

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Eight Young Speakers to Vie In Jaycee Event

Eight finalists in the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Voice of Democracy" speaking contest have been selected and will appear before the Jaycees this evening, according to Phil Lisman, chairman of the contest committee.

Scheduled for appearances before the club tonight are Judy Buffenbarger, Don Kelley, Julie Muniz, Robert Ouwendyk, Doris Popovich, Janice Robertson, Phyllis Hunt, and Gene Walker.

Three local winners will be selected from this group, with the top winner going on to El Segundo Dec. 2 to compete in the district contest.

Tonight's winner will receive a radio, and the second and third place winners will receive merchandise awards given by local merchants.

Principal invited to be invited to be guests of the club at tonight's meeting are Bruce Wagner and Dale Harter, principal and vice-principal of Torrance High School, and John Hudson, public speaking instructor at the school.

Following local, district, and state eliminations, a dozen finalists will be chosen from the state and territorial winners. A panel of national judges will then select four co-equal national winners, each of whom will receive a \$500 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D. C., and Williamsburg, Va.

The contest is the eighth annual event sponsored by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, and the Radio Electronics Television Manufacturers Assn.

City Tops Area Nabbing Racers

Torrance speeders had a rougher time of it during the last fiscal year than those who parked illegally.

That fact is brought out in the annual report released by the South Bay Municipal Court, which handles court cases from Torrance, Gardena, Palms Verde, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and county territory.

The report shows that 4645 moving traffic citations — 24 per cent of the total — were issued during the period ending June 30, compared with 758 parking citations — six per cent of those issued in the area.

Two beach cities, Manhattan and Redondo, together contributed about 78 per cent of the parking violations, but only 31 per cent of moving violations.

Parking Problem Greater
Police Chief Willard H. Haslam declared these cities have parking meters and a much greater parking problem, due to crowded beach parking, than does Torrance. When Torrance installs parking meters, he anticipates a jump in parking citations.

"The record shows that we lead in moving violations," he said. "We believe in traffic safety, not revenue. Parking citations are a nuisance to the Police Department and to citizens." Torrance contributed 40 felony cases, or 14 per cent of the South Bay total. Recorded during the year were 14 cases of robbery, burglary or grand theft; 12 cases of bad checks; nine sex crimes, including six

involving minors; two cases of assault, and three miscellaneous. "Torrance has been fortunate," Chief Haslam said, in noting that other cities — notably Gardena and Redondo Beach — had higher felony rates than Torrance. He pointed out that these cities have more attraction for burglars and robbers, due to their businesses.

The city furnished 24 per cent of those tried for misdemeanors during the year, but 23 per cent of the drunk drivers.

Arrested for misdemeanors were 391 drunks, 304 drunk drivers, 58 for disturbing the peace, 28 for petty theft, 25 for battery, 23 vagrants, 11 for hit and run, eight child molesters, eight for lewdness and obscenity, four drivers' licenses revoked, and 76 miscellaneous.

Torrance got 29 per cent of the revenues from fines and disbursements by the court during the period, amounting to \$81,957 out of the \$329,736 disbursed. Of this amount, \$41,245 came from fines, while \$40,712 was gained from bail forfeitures.

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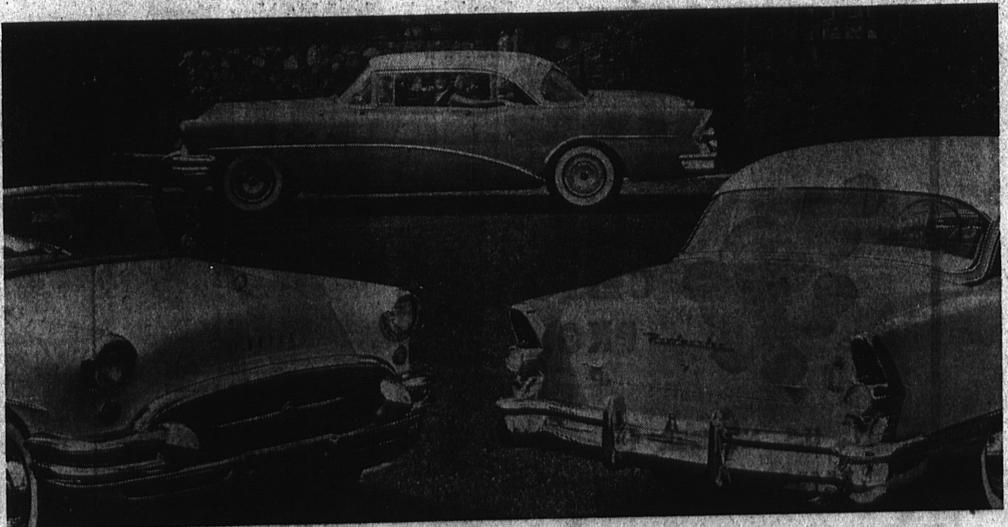
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